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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Title: **A HIGHLY COMPONENTIZED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE WITH  
OBJECT MUTATION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application which was filed on March 31, 1999, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION-**

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Insert on line 7 the following section:

--**Cross-Reference To Related Application:**

This application is a utility application filing of provisional patent serial number 60/099,562, filed on September 9, 1998 and entitled "A Highly Componentized System Architecture With Dynamically Loadable Operating Features" (now abandoned). --.